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HIGHEST FORT IN AMERICA.

Great Britain Awake to the Tactical Value of the Halifax Defenses.

From the New York Sun.

Work was begun at Halifax last week on what is intended to be the most formidable fortification in the western hemisphere. For a number of years the British government has been strengthening the defenses of Halifax, land and sea. The armament of the garrison, which had become antiquated, was renewed with modern guns of high power, and the British North American squadron, whose summer rendezvous is at Halifax, has been increased from year to year until now it includes some of the finest warships in King Edward's navy. Within a few years after the completion of the Canadian Pacific railway, often spoken of as Britain's military highway to the ocean, the British government, to the Pacific coast, was fortified, too, and a garrison established there. This awakening to the tactical value of these two widely distant points in the Canadian dominion has aroused much interest on both sides of the border, but no explanation of it has been vouchsafed other than the general one of the increasing importance of Canada as an integral part of the British empire.

The active beginning of construction work has renewed public curiosity as to the details of the plan for the new fortification. But, as usual, the authorities are reticent and only a general outline of what is to be done has been made public so far. But now some additional particulars have been ascertained in an unofficial way, and these serve to heighten the interest in the great project. The site selected is three miles west of Halifax, on the neck of land that runs out on the west side of the harbor into the Atlantic ocean and terminates in Cape Sable.

It was at first proposed to build the fort on the shore and have it rise sheer above the sea, after the fashion formerly adopted by most European countries, but this suggestion has been put aside, and the fort will be located a short distance inland and will be hewn out of the solid rock. The main part of the fort will be located in this hollow, with works to be constructed on the shore, giving the appearance of a solid cliff.

It is said that in its general form the fort will follow the design of the armored turret of a modern battleship, and there will be other features of the work that will follow out this analogy with a warship.

The main armament will consist of sixteen guns, the authorities say, but their exact caliber they decline to tell. These guns will be fired by instructions from a coming tower, and the men handling them will not be exposed. They will work the guns from below, getting the line of sight from the coming tower, much as the mortar batteries at Sandy Hook, N. J., are worked. The guns will, of course, be of the disappearing type.

Speaking of the guns for the new fort recently a military official said that they would be of the most powerful kind in adoption. He was reminded that the United States already had a 16-inch gun mounted for the defense of New York harbor, and was asked if he would understand as saying that the Halifax guns would be larger than this.

"There will be no 16-inch guns in the armament of the new fort," he said. "But I meant what I said when I stated that they were to be the most powerful in adoption in good military practice."

By this it would seem that the military plan is of the impression that the great piece of ordnance at New York is an element that has not yet decided its merit; also that he wished it to be inferred that the new pieces here would be of much larger caliber.

The existing fortifications in and about Halifax are on no small scale, and their armament is of recent design. Such extensive improvements have been made of late years that the port had come to be considered as very strongly defended, but the new works will be on a scale that will entirely overshadow the old ones.

A Promise of Telephone Competition.

From the Kansas City World.

The World knows nothing of the merits of the proposition that has been made to put an independent telephone company into operation in Kansas City, but it is to be hoped that the new concern will presently become an actuality. It is evident that the present monopoly holds itself entirely superior to the regulations of the city, and that nothing but competition will force its services to give anything like a decent service to the public. The terms of the price charged is out of the question, for, as telephones run, it is not possible to render the worth of telephonic communication in a year with a single instrument.

There is plenty of room here for an independent company. There is not a single subscriber to the Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company who would not hail the advent of a new company and put in an independent instrument. It is not to be expected that a new company would make. There are 6,000 subscribers to be had for the asking in this town, and Mr. Rozelle's declaration that he is not at all alarmed by the threat of a new company does not have much force. In the light of the fact that the present monopoly is operated by the inefficient service and exorbitant charges of the monopoly.

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ALEXANDRIA AFFAIRS

Deadlock in Board of Aldermen Broken by Compromise.

PRESIDENT-ELECT TO RESIGN AT ONCE

Expedient Adopted to Effect Election of Minor Officers.

GENERAL AND PERSONAL

Evening Star Bureau, No. 701 King St., B-11 Telephone, No. 100.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., July 10, 1901.

The first regular meeting of the new city council was held last night when a truce was patched up between the rival factions of the board of aldermen. The interest among citizens in the choice of a presiding officer for the board had grown acute since the preliminary meeting, July 1, when 155 ballots were taken without an election.

Outside the railing in the chamber of the upper board as many citizens as could be accommodated with space were crowded in last night. It was freely predicted that the meeting would result as before, and this would probably have been the case had it not been for the offices of Mayor George L. Simpson exercised in a private way upon the representatives of the rival factions, bringing them together in a temporary compromise and securing the election of Alderman J. R. N. Curtin, with the understanding that he would resign the office after the preliminary business before the council had been disposed of.

Clerk Thompson called the board to order shortly after 8 o'clock and announced the first business, that of electing a presiding officer. Mr. J. T. Sweeney took the floor and made a brief speech in reference to the deadlock of the council. He had been present at the preliminary meeting and had seen the fruitless balloting and announced that he would withdraw from the contest. He then withdrew and the board proceeded to the election of the third ward. Liberal applause from the spectators who thronged the space reserved for them followed this statement. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, but it was not seconded.

Mr. Ballenger then announced his withdrawal from the contest. As a substitute for himself he placed in nomination Mr. Frank F. Marbury of the second ward. The following ballot also resulted in a tie. Several other votes were taken with the same result. Then occurred a consultation among the representatives of the two factions. The matter discussed was not made public, but the subject was the devising of some scheme for breaking the tie up. At the close of a lengthy interval Mr. Burke moved that the balloting continue. Mr. J. T. Sweeney took the floor and nominated Mr. William H. Sweeney. Mr. Ballenger moved that a recess be taken until the next morning.

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WOMEN AS COLLEGE DEANS.

Four of Them Occupy Such Positions in New England Institutions.

From the Boston Transcript.

The appointments recently of four women to posts of responsibility as deans in leading women's colleges are a pleasant reminder of the advance that women are constantly making in higher educational service.

Just as the number of women students in colleges has increased annually, keeping pace with the decrease of popular disapproval, so the proportion in numbers and in power of women educators in higher institutions has been steadily moving forward. In the United States, teaching was the first profession to admit women. The universities of the United States have employed women in positions of authority as instructors. Many professors in colleges and universities of the United States, representing the highest scholarship, from ancient languages to modern science, and from literature to engineering, are held by women. From these positions as vantage points in favor of the woman, toward a higher investment of administrative power and responsibility for women. This is largely the outcome, undoubtedly, of the growing confidence in the woman's authority and influence in colleges for women must be held by college-bred women of high standing as scholars and of noble character.

As a result of this prevailing idea have come the recent appointments of Miss Alice L. M. to the deanship at Oberlin; Miss Ellen M. to the deanship at Wellesley; Miss Laura Gill, Ph. D., to Barnard; and Miss Annie Crosby Emery, Ph. D., to the women's department of Brown University.

It is a fact which may have some interest and significance to New England readers, that these four women educators are all of New England birth. With the exception have had their academic training in this section of the country. Each one is a graduate of one of the leading universities—the essential qualities, moreover, which constitute the instructor, the guide, philosopher and friend of her pupils and the power and authority which enable her to plan and supervise broad and responsible enterprises. Only one had previously occupied the post of dean.

HABITS OF THE ATMOSPHERE.

Heat Waves Due to Stagnation of the Air.

From the Kansas City Star.

Hot waves are due to the stagnation in the drift of the air of high and low barometer which usually move across the continent at the rate of about 600 miles a day. Under ordinary circumstances the low pressure area is gyrating so that the warm air near the earth's surface becomes thoroughly mixed with the cooler upper atmosphere. But during the periods of stagnation the air remains near the surface and becomes so heated by the radiation from the soil that their temperature is almost unendurable.

There is plenty of cold air about the earth in the hottest day of summer. At the height of ten miles the temperature is not less than 60 degrees below zero. Four miles lower the clouds are always composed of particles of ice, and on the hot day the one mile of air just above the earth would find it a cool and pleasant temperature. It is this cool air, under normal conditions forced earthward by the wind, that makes the heat so endurable. During the last two weeks the weather map presented almost the same picture. The air was stagnant, and the heat was intense. The air was forced earthward by the wind, and the heat was intense. The air was forced earthward by the wind, and the heat was intense.

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